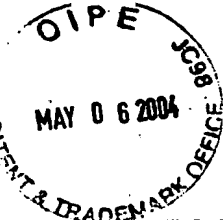


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COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1459
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 6, 2004

Dear Commissioner Esther M. Kepplinger:

A formal request for status on the above-referenced application was filed on August 18, 2003.

Because we did not receive a timely response to our status request, we further filed a Communication to SPE Vincent Millin on December 31, 2003 requesting his assistance in obtaining a response to our status request.

Because we did not receive a timely response to our Communication to SPE Vincent Millin, we further filed a Communication to Group Director John Love on March 24, 2004 requesting his assistance in obtaining a response to our status request. A courtesy copy of this Communication is attached.

We still have not received a response to our original status request filed on August 18, 2003, nor have we received a response to either the follow on Communication to SPE Vincent Millin filed on December 31, 2003, or the follow on Communication to Group Director John Love filed on March 24, 2004.

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Accordingly, we would appreciate your assistance in obtaining a prompt reply to our request for a status of the above-reference application.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding the above or the prior filings.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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